

Civil Service Federation of Canada.

Ottawa, October 7, 1912.

Dear Sir,—

Annual Convention.

As you are aware, it was not thought advisable to hold the annual convention of the Federation in April this year as usual but to hold a meeting of the Executive in order to place the views of the Federation before the Royal Commission on the Civil Service.

With the announcement that Parliament will assemble in November, it would seem expedient to follow up the action of the Executive with a meeting representative of the entire membership. The President has accordingly directed me to issue a call for the annual convention to take place in Ottawa on Friday and Saturday, November 15 and 16.

In view of the fact that the activities of the Federation, with the exception of the action of the Executive above referred to, have been largely confined to routine, it is thought that one day (Friday, November 15) will suffice for the business of the convention proper, leaving Saturday, (November 16) for such interview with the government as it may be thought advisable to ask. Delegates are therefore urged to use every effort to arrive in Ottawa on the day preceding the convention, viz., Thursday, November 14, in order that proceedings may be carried out promptly and expeditiously.

The meetings will be held at the Civil Service Club, 12 Bank St., and will open on Friday morning at 10.30.

Owing to the fact that few or no expenses were incurred by the Federation during the year, April, 1911, to April, 1912, the usual per capita tax was not collected. The officers, however, feel that with the resumption of more active work it would be well to have sufficient funds in the treasury to meet the demands for printing, etc., that may arise. I would ask you, therefore, to forward a statement of your membership by return mail, together with the amount of your per capita for the present year 1912-13. The rate is ten cents per member for the first 200 members, two cents for each additional member up to 1,000, and one cent for each member over 1,000.

Please give the matter of this communication your immediate attention and let me know the action of your Association at the earliest possible moment.

Yours very truly,

J. A. SMITH,
President.

R. H. COATS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

NEWS OF THE OTTAWA ASSOCIATION.

The Executive of the Civil Service Association resumed their work after the holiday season on Friday evening, Sept. 27th. The attendance at this opening meeting was not so large as had been hoped for owing to the absence from the city of a number of the representatives. It is to be hoped

that the next meeting will show a good gain in this respect. The Executive have been hampered from time to time by the failure of departmental representatives to provide substitutes when unable to be present themselves. This has not only resulted in delaying the business of the Association, but is unfair to the department interested as well as to those who faithfully attend the meetings. In justice to the